

Massachusetts, after Raymond Salmon. This measure, sponsored by Representative JAMES MCGOVERN of Massachusetts, was unanimously reported by our committee on November 16, 2005. H.R. 4152 has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Massachusetts delegation.

Mr. Salmon, a native of Massachusetts, was a graduate of Clinton public schools, Saint Michael's College in Vermont and Suffolk University Law School. He was a congressional staffer who worked for former representative Phillip Philbin from 1950 to 1970. He was a veteran and an attorney seriously and actively involved in many aspects of community life in the neighborhood and community where he lived. He gave a great deal of himself for the benefit of others with consistency and regularity.

I am pleased, Mr. Speaker, to urge the swift passage of this bill.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman TOM DAVIS and Ranking Member HENRY WAXMAN of the House Government Reform Committee for their leadership on moving this important resolution through the committee and to the House floor for its consideration today.

I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4152, which would designate the United States Postal Facility at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts as the Raymond J. Salmon Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, by designating this Federal post office today, we honor a great American. Raymond J. Salmon was born on April 16, 1923 in the small town of Clinton, MA. As a young man, Ray responded to the call of duty during World War II and became a member of the United States Army serving as a Technical Sergeant. Returning home from the war, Ray began work for Congressman Phillip Philbin of Clinton, Massachusetts, in 1950, and he remained in public service as the Congressman's Chief of Staff until 1970.

During his time as a Hill staffer, Ray completed law school, was admitted to the bar in 1952 and was a sole practitioner until 1977. While practicing law, Ray was appointed the Clerk Magistrate of Clinton District Court in 1976 and remained loyal to his position until his retirement in 2000. Ray brought honor and an enthusiasm to his position, and everyone in town knew and admired Ray for his character and love of public service. Actively engaged in the community, Ray was a member of many civic groups, including the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Polish American Veterans, and the Clinton Elks Lodge.

Mr. Speaker, if you ever have the opportunity to travel to the town of Clinton, you will be hard-pressed to find someone who was not fond of Ray. Clearly, his spirit lives on throughout this small, tight-knit community. By designating this facility as the Raymond J. Salmon Post Office, we honor not only this truly great individual, but the community he served and the people who knew him so well.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I urge Members to support the passage of H.R. 4152, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). The ques-

tion is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4152.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOLLY A. CHARETTE POST OFFICE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 989) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the "Holly A. Charette Post Office."

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 989

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. HOLLY A. CHARETTE POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the "Holly A. Charette Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Holly A. Charette Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan.

□ 1500

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I might consume. Mr. Speaker, S. 989, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Rhode Island, Senator REED, would designate the post office building in Cranston, Rhode Island, as the Holly A. Charette Post Office.

United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Holly Charette, a Cranston resident, was killed on June 23, 2005, while serving our country in Iraq. Charette served as a mail clerk at the Marine Camp Blue Diamond in Ramadi, which is the headquarters battalion of the Second Marine Division.

Holly Charette was recognized by every soldier who had the pleasure of receiving mail from her, as she always greeted them with a smile and with a

kind word. She was known for her ability to sort through thousands of letters and parcels, identifying each name with a face, never letting down those who relied on her. In fact, Holly Charette was quoted as saying, I never really thought too hard about being a mail person, but it is really an important job and people depend on me.

There are a lot of stresses involved, but it is really worth it at the end of the day. After her service in the military, Charette had planned to apply at the U.S. Postal Service, where she could continue to serve the citizens of the United States. About her future plans, she stated, It will not be the same as being a marine, but at least I am still in uniform.

I would urge all Members to come together and to honor this dedicated young woman in her efforts to serve our country. I thank Senator REED for his diligence in bringing this important measure forward.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN).

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, last June I had the sad duty of coming to the floor to announce the loss of a brave marine in Iraq, Lance Corporal Holly Ann Charette, a citizen of Cranston, Rhode Island.

Today, I am proud to honor her service as we dedicate a post office in her memory. I would like to thank my friend and colleague, Senator JACK REED, for introducing this measure, as well as the Government Reform Committee for bringing it to the floor today.

After the loss of Holly Charette, I was touched by the memories shared by her neighbors, friends, and family. One common theme that emerged was that Holly's smile and personality cheered all those around her. Those who knew her well spoke of her optimistic outlook on life and her ability to make the most of any situation.

She aimed to help others, and that dedication to service encouraged her to join the Marines. In Iraq, Holly held an administrative job, and her duties included serving as the mail distributor for her camp.

She was exceptionally well suited to that assignment, not only because of her outstanding organizational skills, but also because of her aspirations to one day become a postal worker. Despite the procedures and physical challenges of the position, she always maintained her professionalism and sunny disposition.

She recognized the importance of that task and worked so hard so that she could brighten the days of her fellow marines with the messages of their loved ones back home.

However, Holly's service was not without risk. As one of few women at

her post, she also traveled into Fallujah to perform searches of female Iraqis, a task that men were prohibited from doing. It was returning from one such trip that Holly's convoy was attacked by insurgents.

Three men and three women were killed that day, and 13 men and women were wounded. This sacrifice reminds us of the courage of our men and women in uniform who are faced with ongoing dangers in Iraq. It also underscores how important it is that we as Members of Congress do everything in our power to protect those who defend our Nation.

Designating a post office in memory of Lance Corporal Holly Ann Charette is a fitting tribute to a woman who touched the lives of so many. When her friends and family visit the facility at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, they will be reminded of her smile, her cheerful personality, and her dedication to helping others.

It will also remind future generations of the sacrifice of one exceptional person who gave so much to her Nation. I ask my colleagues to honor Holly Charette, a truly amazing woman by supporting this legislation today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As a member of the Government Reform Committee, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of S. 1989, legislation naming a postal facility in Cranston, Rhode Island, after Holly A. Charette.

This measure, sponsored by Senator Jack Reed, was introduced on November 10, 2005, and unanimously reported by our committee on February 1, 2006.

A 2001 graduate of Cranston High School East in Cranston, Rhode Island, Holly Charette was a cheerleader, athlete and active student in high school. A year later she enlisted in the United States Marines, where she was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, Second Marine Division, Second Marine Expeditionary Force.

She held an administrative position, keeping records and delivering mail to fellow soldiers. Sadly, she was killed on June 23, 2005, when her convoy was ambushed by a suicide bomber as it departed from Fallujah.

Lance Corporal Holly Charette, who was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously, will be remembered as a fine marine and soldier, someone who dearly wanted a career in the U.S. Postal Service when she completed her tour of duty.

A soldier in Operation Iraqi Freedom, she enjoyed delivering mail to her fellow soldiers and fighting for her country.

I commend my colleague, Senator REED, for seeking to honor her sacrifice by naming a post office in her hometown.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is so important in reality that we take note of this very young person who had a serious sense of duty and sense of commit-

ment, even to the extent of saying that when I leave I want to continue to serve my country in one way. And one way that I can do that is to make sure that the communication continues, that the letters and parcels and packages that people use to communicate with each other are in fact delivered?

I do not think one can give any more than giving their life in service to others and in service to humanity. I am very pleased to urge swift passage of S. 1989 and commend both gentlemen from Rhode Island for their introduction of it.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I would urge all Members to support the passage of S. 1989, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1989. The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INDICATORS, 2006—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Science:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I transmit herewith a report prepared for the Congress and the Administration by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2006." This report represents the seventeenth in the series examining key aspects of the status of science and engineering in the United States.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 14, 2006.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4297. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4297) "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, and Mr. BAUCUS, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 109-59, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission:

Paul Weyrich of Virginia.

Patrick E. Quinn of Tennessee.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 322, by the yeas and nays;

S. 1989, by the yeas and nays.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE USO TO OUR ARMED FORCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 322, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 322, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows: